

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Application of: Erning Xia et al. |) | |
| |) | Examiner: E. B. Elhilo |
| Serial No.: 09/782,318 |) | |
| |) | Group No.: 1751 |
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| Title: HIGH OSMOLYTE CLEANING AND |) | |
| DISINFECTION METHOD AND |) | |
| SOLUTION FOR CONTACT LENSES |) | |

Response to Office Action Final Rejection mailed August 18, 2003

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

LETTER

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action Final Rejection mailed August 18, 2003 regarding the above-identified application, enclosed find a Petition requesting an extension of time for response within the third month. Applicants likewise respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-5 and 7-19 based on the following remarks.